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THE AWAKENING OF A SLEEPING GIANT.

By Dr. M. A. Majors

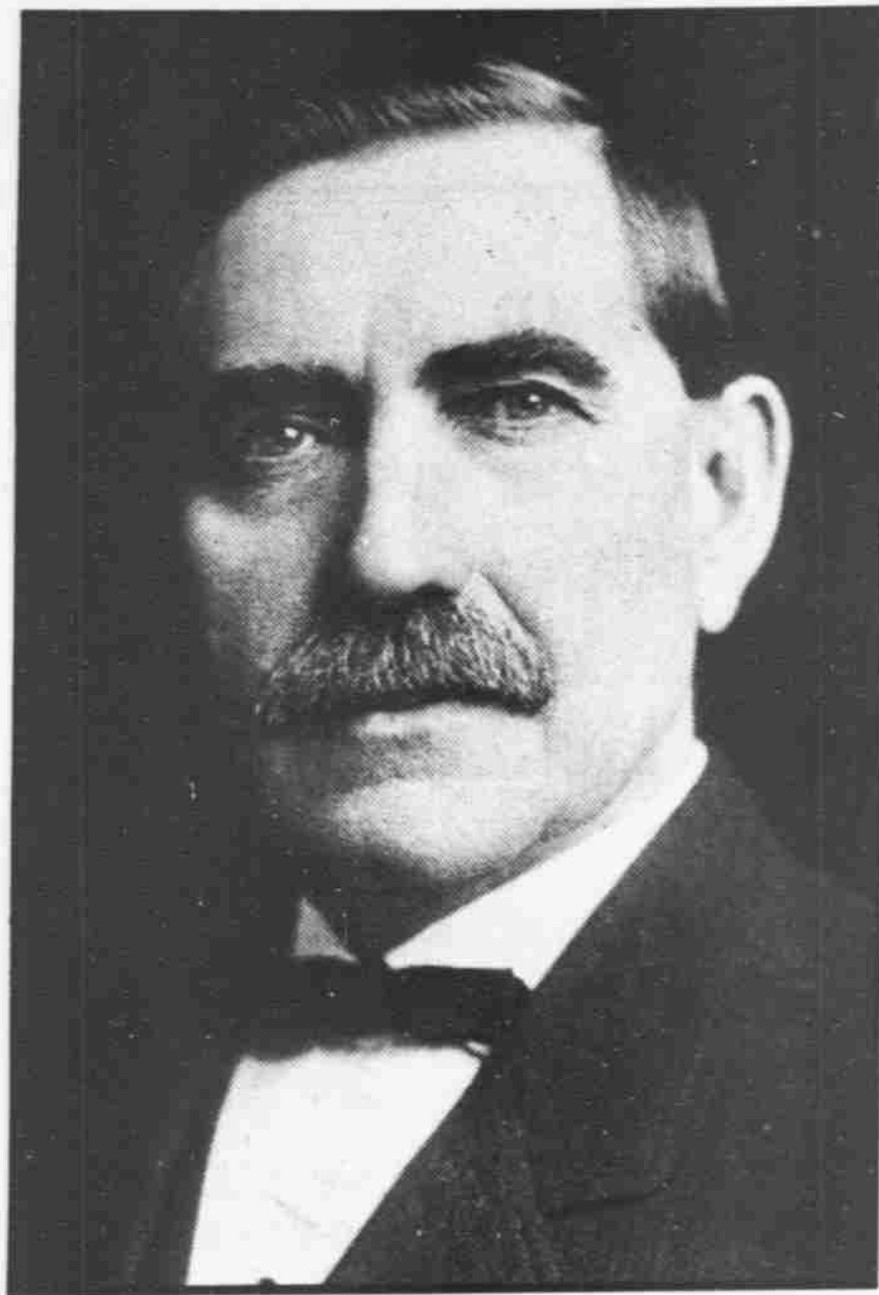
The northland, the east, and the central north are inhabited by the people of every nation, of the habitable globe, and this must indeed furnish incentive for the New Negro who is rapidly taking up residence in the northern and eastern states. The Hon. Marcus Garvey is teaching the race much that is paramount to the successful men and women of the race, and it will not be a great while before we will have in operation many great enterprises.

What will be the result of having under operation many great enterprises, regulated, manipulated, and managed by the Negro? It is almost beyond our grasp, and our imagination almost runs wild when we undertake to revel in such a belief of our possibilities. We have a host of young people educated, but hitherto we have had no places for them. Large stores and a few small factories will take hundreds of them off of the streets and put them to work at pleasant occupations. We cannot all be singers and musicians, artists, politicians, hotel waiters, porters, carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, school teachers, lawyers, doctors, preachers, neither are we all constituted to do drudgery.

We have got to first learn, however, the easy grace and pleasant disposition in giving service that belong in the work of clerking and paying a respectful attention in matters of kindness to men and women of our own race who hold superior positions to ours. This lesson well learned, half of our race battles are over. Our most difficult situations are in our own race, and when we have overcome ourselves, by learning these important lessons we will have given our adversaries the lie, and then we will be crowned with success.

This exposition, and employment of our intellectual armament will without any doubt mean to the preacher a better church, to the lawyer and doctor a better class of patrons, the real estate agents better tenants, the Negro banker larger deposits of real money, and so on until it reaches every individual among us. For whatever helps any particular business or profession will also help the whole race fabric in a greater or less degree. We have been alive to this fact, but it has been very difficult for us to get started. There are several reasons why it has been hard. All of our secret organizations are in a flourishing condition. All or most of our churches are large and very fine. We have been building our little homes over our heads, and we have not learned to do a great many things at the same time; now we will begin to do our most important things at this late date, and profit by our school of experience in which we have been getting ready to do these worth while things which are to afford amplitude for the investment of our money, and out of which we are to realize at the same time a moderate degree of compensation, both in giving jobs and making profits.

The Progressive Company follows our two substantial banks, and along with the Liberty Life Insurance Co., occupies the investment spirit of the race. Soon ground will be broken for the largest department store in all America. This company will outrank by far our hugest undertaking in the Northern states. A six story department store with seventy-five feet front, and one hundred and



HON. JOHN E. TRAEGER

Vice-President of the Stockmen's Trust and Savings Bank; Former Sheriff of Cook County; Ex-City Comptroller; Who is Ready to Enter the Race for Mayor of Chicago in 1923, if the Coalition Forces Will Unite On Him.

NEGRO WORKERS IN EARLY CATHOLIC CHURCH OF AFRICA

DO YOU KNOW—That Melchor, black king of Lybia, in Africa, was one of the three wise men, who visited the infant Jesus at his birth? That Simon, a Negro, helped Jesus to bear the cross? That Simon, a holy black teacher and priest in the Church at Antioch, ordained the Apostle St. Paul and sent him on his missionary journey? That three of the very first Popes of Rome were Africans? That an African Council gathered the writings of the Apostles and Evangelists at Carthage and compiled them into the present New Testament, which was approved by the Pope and became afterward our Christian Bible, from which all copies are derived? That a black man, St. Augustine, is the greatest of all theologians, he was bishop of Hippo, in Africa in the fifth century. That St. Cyprian, Tertullian, Origen were Africans. That the half-breed, St. Athanasius, who formulated the great Nicene creed, to which all Christian Churches subscribe was of the black race? That among the ancestors of Jesus were several persons of African blood, including the mother of Solomon, Bethsheba? That Solomon married a black queen? That Moses married an Ethiopian woman and that his sister Miriam was the first person recorded to have drawn the color line? That God punished her for it by seven days leprosy? That a Negro piloted Columbus to America? That a Negro ruled Venice? That the whites do not invent letters nor figures? Nor Astronomy, nor Algebra, nor Chemistry? That Negroes in Africa first invented the art of making steel? and fire? and glass? Do you know that at one time African Christians were in majority in the early Church?—Ex.

THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL WILL CONVENE AT QUINN CHAPEL TWENTY-FOURTH ST. AND WABASH AVE. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22.

None of the A. M. E. preachers in this city are working any harder than Rev. James M. Henderson, the able and eloquent pastor of Institutional church, to make the sessions of the Bishop's Council a grand success in every way.

The sessions open up Wednesday morning, June 22, at Quinn Chapel, the mother church, and Rev. Henderson and his associate pastors will be on hand bright and early that morning to extend the right hand of fellowship to the bishops and the other high dignitaries of the A. M. E. church. See the complete program for the week in another column of this paper.

PASTORS CAN'T TELL WOMEN HOW TO DRESS, HE SAYS.

LOS ANGELES.—"There is not one woman in a million who would consent to wear any dress modeled by a bunch of preachers," said the Rev. Dr. J. Whitcomb Broughner of the fashionable Temple Baptist church here. "Consequently, it will be best preachers look after their own shirtwaists and skirts. I believe, however, women are more immodest than men. Their skirts are cut so high it would take mud kneed deep before the bottom of the dress would be reached."

CHARLES E. STUMP, TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE BROAD AX, STRIKES FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY, ON HIS WAY TO THE SOUTHLAND.

Frankfort, Ky.—"United we stand, divided we fall." I am informed that this is the motto of Kentucky, and through the united effort of my people in Kentucky, the devil's home was knocked out of segregation for the whole United States, and if it had not been for that we would have been having a heluva time right now. They were directed by the hands of God to the Supreme Court of the United States, from whose decision there is no appeal except to arms, and that body spoke out and all of this country heard it.

I never realized just what it meant to put us off in one section of the city until the Tulsa affair, and I shudder to even think about it. Now there was a strict segregation, and believe me they burned our homes, destroyed lives, put every black man out of business with the torch, and all the homes of the white people were saved. You see we were off yonder where our homes could burn and none to say stop, and all the others saved. If I were not such a good Christian I would drop in a few cuss words right now. But I will leave it all in the hands of our Father who art in Heaven.

When I wrote you last I was in Muskogee, Oklahoma, but you will find me far from there now. I was there to witness the graduation of some of our leading young people. Forty-nine graduated from the industrial high school of that city under Prof. T. W. Grissom. These young people were met with the killing of human beings, with the burning of homes and destroying of property. This was taking place just a few yards from them, so to speak, and there were refugees right in the audience, and the leading ministers were together appealing for help. They were taking money to help those who were flocking into the city homeless and clothless. They were meeting with success.

I am glad that I was there and heard the address delivered by one, Charles Stewart, and believe me, honey, he spoke right out in church. I am delighted to see how the faces of the young people were bright, and how they seemingly took in every word the speaker had to say, and rejoiced with him in the salvations of their own souls. I heard it all, and I enjoyed it all. Now I am away from there, and must have a few things to say to you this week.

After the address, I loaded myself early Saturday morning headed for Kansas City, Kansas, in company with the Rev. Dr. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Muskogee. To me it was a source of pleasure to have been with this great educator, and this great preacher. All day long I rode to the city, reaching there about 6 o'clock in the evening, and found that the Rev. Dr. J. F. Griffin, pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, of Kansas City, Kansas, had sent his automobile car carriage over to meet me and escort me to his home. I was invited to be the guest of the pastor and his wife and church during my stay in Kansas City. It was just like going to the home of a real brother, and believe me honey when I tell you he is some man. He is doing a great work in Kansas City, Mo., and he is a great big preacher.

Dr. Griffin does not make much fuss about it, but he is just going into the hearts of the people of his church, and in a short time they are going to rise up and place him anywhere he wants to go. I think this is the best way to win promotion after all. It is better than going around from meeting to meeting, from conference to conference asking men to vote for you. You do the work and the place will find you. It will knock at your door and you will only have to say "come in."

I had the pleasure of meeting the congregation Sunday morning, and I am sure you will agree with me if you had been there that it was a great congregation. Saturday night, in addition to going to the parsonage, I had the pleasure of going to the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. W. DeLyle, Kansas City, Mo. He was some pumpkins down in Arkansas, and he is some pumpkins now up in Missouri, and is doing a great work as presiding elder. He was holding a meeting in the city, raising money for some of our people down in Tulsa, and his wife was at home, looking after the affairs there. She is a busy little woman.

Sunday evening, I went to Kansas City, Mo., got me a bed car on the Rock Island, and beat it to Chicago. I find pleasure in going to Chicago, and you will perhaps be interested to know that I am improving, and hope to soon be myself. Dr. G. C. Hall furnished me with some medicine, that put the pains to rest for a while, and it threatens to destroy all pains and bugs. He is some doctor and I have a few things that I am going to tell you about him soon. He is fixing to tell a story to the whole world. He has

done this with the knife, and now he is going to do some other brain work that will put the world to thinking.

I was the guest of Mrs. Elvie L. Stewart, during my visit in Chicago, and had the pleasure of going to the meeting of the chapters, and which an address was delivered by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. F. P. Monroe, of Quincy, Ill. She is the woman that is doing things about the state, among the women. She made a plain practical address. I listened to all these, and left for Indianapolis, bright and early Tuesday morning, then to Louisville and Frankfort, Ky., and at this place I have attended two school closings, called "Commencements." I do not know why they are called by that name for that seemed to be the ending of school life for the young people. Perhaps it means good bye school and good morning world. I do not know and will not attempt to explain at this time.

Just a word about the Clinton Street High School of Frankfort. This is where Charles Stewart attended school. I am not prepared to say whether or not he graduated from it, for from what I could learn he was one of the first in the school, and is what I would call a charter member of it, and they were not dishing out graduation then. At any rate Prof. William H. Mayo, came along then, about 40 years ago, and he was the teacher of this fellow.

Several hundred graduates have been turned out, and all these years Prof. Mayo has been the principal. He has lived in the hearts of the people, and he has year after year raised the standard of the school.

Reaching the city, I was escorted to the home of Miss Martha E. Williams, one of the teachers of the school, and a woman who has devoted her life to the racial uplift work and is today one of the greatest women in this race. Her greatness is in service. She has a lovely home, two stories, and then she has plenty of other property in the city, and some in Georgetown, I am told. But never mind that, Miss Williams is superintendent of a Sunday school, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, and is president of a large Sunday school convention and has been for years. She has gone into the hearts of the Sunday school workers, until they have notified her that she must serve as president until God says to her "Come up higher." She is kind and good to all people, and knows how to treat the hayseeds as well as those refined cultured college people. You don't have to put on around her. Her home is a palace.

It was a pleasure to be around Frankfort, and meet some of the people. Thursday night, I was at this commencement business. They had only six graduates, Robert Keneth Jones, Mary Emma Tracey, Callie Louise Harvey, Viola Sullivan Anderson, Othello Rossion Gaines, Mae Ella Perry, and Willye Myra Graham, from domestic science. These young people spoke, and then the address was delivered by Charles Stewart, who was indeed pathetic in bidding good bye to Prof. Mayo, whose physical condition forces him out of the school.

Prof. Mayo accepted the position of principal of the high school when a youth fresh from the Cincinnati high school. He took hold with a determination to do things. He entered the work in January, 1882, and has been at it ever since without a break. He has served well. But he has reached the place where he must stack arms. He must rest. His best days have been given to Frankfort, and now the question arises what will Frankfort do for him? He has lived a clean life. He has been an example for his boys and girls. He has been active in everything that meant for the betterment of Frankfort or his people. He has been the servant of all.

Prof. Mayo has a son in Chicago, druggist, and his daughter, a brilliant young woman, has charge of the department of domestic science in the same school. He came to Frankfort unmarried, but has married, given to the world two persons, son and daughter, and the Lord has taken his wife unto Him, and he is now ready any time to join her.

I wish you could have heard the white people praising this wonderful character. He was given a fine letter by his board, also resolutions, a lifetime certificate by the State Board of Education, and the people of Frankfort are now planning a testimonial for him, when expressions will come from the citizens.

Everything is now ready for Topeka supreme lodge, and other big meetings. The National Baptist Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Congress will be in session next week in Kansas City, Mo., and by the help of God I want to be there. I am informed that Editor W. W. Porter will be there.

CHARLES E. STUMP.



HON. S. B. TURNER

Member of the Legislature of Illinois, from the First Senatorial District, Who Has Secured the Passage of a Resolution Condemning the Invasion of the Ku Klux Klan Into This State.

HOUSE SCORES IN KU KLUX KLAN.

Organization of the Ku Klux Klan in Illinois is discouraged in a resolution adopted in the house of representatives last week. The resolution was offered by State Representative S. B. Turner, colored, of Chicago.

The resolution, which calls upon the people of the state to discourage the operation of the organization in Illinois, follows:

"Whereas, it is reported that there are representatives of the Ku Klux Klan attempting to organize chapters or posts of that organization in various cities of the state of Illinois; and

"Whereas, it is believed that the Ku Klux Klan is an organization which operates to the detriment of law and order and against the best interests and welfare of the people at large; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved by the house of representatives of the state of Illinois, that we condemn and deplore the attempt to organize posts of the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Illinois and urge all good citizens of the state in the interest of law and order and the welfare of our state to do everything in their power to face its most leaders to refrain from attempting to stir up racial strife within the confines of Illinois."

QUINN CHAPEL NOTES.

Sunday, June 19th, preaching at the regular hour by the Rev. C. F. Stewart. Special services at night. Preaching by the pastor. Sunday, the 20th of June, Bishop J. S. Flipper will preach at 10:45 A. M. At 8 o'clock services will be under the auspices of the young men of Quinn Chapel and Bishop Decker Johnson will preach. The reception or the Bishop's Council will be held on the 22nd of June at Quinn Chapel. The program and public reception will be in the main auditorium. The reception is under the auspices of the General Committee. A banquet which will be given down stairs is under the auspices of the Quinn Chapel Committee, Mr. J. W. Fisher, chairman.

The first Sunday in July will be the last Quarterly Meeting for this conference here. In addition to the Communion Services a membership reunion will be held and members and friends are asked to bring their baskets full of lunch.

Services all day Sunday were well attended. Dr. Stewart preached Sunday morning. Sunday night three united with the church and one converted. At that service the assistant pastor, Rev. H. H. Hooks, preached a very instructive sermon. All seemed to enjoy the services of that hour.—"C."

THE BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE AND WATER.

Last Friday evening, not long after the choir had finished practicing, flames were discovered shooting forth from the east end of the new Berean Baptist church, Fifty-second and Dearborn streets, and the new organ which was recently installed at great expense, the new memorial window, the new carpets and all of the other new interior furnishings were greatly damaged by fire and water.

As luck would be, most everything destroyed was covered with insurance. Many of the women members, who had worked so hard to help to furnish the church, were present and shed many tears when they beheld that their work had been in vain. It is hard to tell just how the fire started, and its pastor, Rev. W. S. Bradshaw, with a heart full of courage and hope, will have all the damage immediately repaired and go right ahead with his work for his Baptist Lord and Master.

RECENT VISITORS IN CITY.

Miss Johnella Marie Frazer and Miss Felicia D. Anderson were visiting in the city for several days. While in the city Miss Frazer visited her parents, and Miss Anderson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 522 Bryant Ave. They were shown the city by M. T. Bailey, President of the Alumni Association of the V. N. & L. I., Petersburg, Va., where they are teachers. Miss Anderson went to Clifton Forge, Va., and Miss Frazer returns to Petersburg, Va.

VISITING SUBURBS

M. T. Bailey of the Bailey Realty Company, appraiser for the Pyram Building Loan Association, visited many suburbs during the week. While away he closed deals for clients and made inspections for the Building Loan Association. He was accompanied by Anderson H. Richy and Walter B. Anderson of the Anderson & Terrell, appraisers.

SHE NEVER BOTHERED WITH HUSBAND, SAYS WOMAN AGED 123.

PARIS.—Mlle. Anna Dobek has just celebrated her 123d birthday at Chocholow, in Poland. She is sound in body and mind and attributes her great age to the fact that she was never bothered with a husband.

COMMENCEMENT IN WILBERFORCE

Rev. T. L. Scott, Grant Chapel, Rev. S. L. Bert, Bethel, Rev. H. E. Stewart, Quinn Chapel, and Rev. R. E. Wilson, Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Evanston, attended the Wilberforce commencement during the past week.

VISITING IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Miss Lou Ella Young, 3536 Giles Ave., is traveling throughout Southern Illinois in interest of the Household of Ruth of which she is the head officer.

IMPROVING

Miss Amelia M. K. Mole, stenographer and bookkeeper for the Milton Mercantile Agency and the Bailey Realty Company, 3632 State St., is much improved at her residence, 415 Dearborn St.

CITY FEDERATION

The City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs met at Evanston, Ill., on Monday. They had a fine meeting and much business was transacted of which Miss Anne Coles, president, was proud.

IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Ellen Kinney, 212 Calumet Ave., is visiting relatives in St. Louis, Mo., Greenville and Centralia.

AT MORGAN PARK

Mr. W. B. Lyle of Lyle & Sons and Geo. W. Faulkner and many other persons were in Morgan Park last Sunday.

VISITING IN SOUTH

Rev. V. S. Cooper, who was visiting in the city on business, has returned to Arkansas.

IN NEW RESIDENCE

John A. Yeatman is now located at 6205 Loomis Boulevard, Englewood.